

reasonably hope not only to preserve the acquisitions we have already made from *France*, but in that case to add more to them. The *Spaniards* are in possession of the island of *Cuba*, and half of *Hispaniola*; these islands, I am credibly informed, are very accessible; much more so than *Guadaloupe*; and it is not very presumptuous to say, that our arms would probably be crowned with some conquest in this part of the world that would extremely well help to reimburse us for the expences of the war. The *Philippines* islands in the *East-Indies* at present yield the *Spaniards* little or no profit; but it is well known that this is their own fault: for their value, if well managed, is prodigious. They are weak and exposed to a degree that is surprizing, considering their importance. A strong *British* squadron would hardly fail of making some impression here, that might be of the greatest advantage to this kingdom. In short, the dominions of *Spain* are so scattered, so unweildy, and yet so valuable,